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Informal Note

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Good to hear from you also to know medical supplies finally arrived. Hope things will go smoothly in future.

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You say you are [redacted] and speak freely, I will be [redacted] and do same.

1. We do not believe it good to order a drug on basis of 300 tab^{or some set figure} every month. Reason being of course, some months doctor will use very little and another month a large quantity; so better to order what you need at certain periods.

2. We believe vitamins not necessary unless ^{Person} sick and cannot eat. We do not provide vitamins for well people who happen to like to take. O.K., maybe to give to pilots but not really necessary.

3. Astromid "S" - we do not encourage use because of necessity of frequent blood studies on ^{TRIGLYCERIDES} ~~triglycerides~~, ^{liver} liver function tests, etc. See "AMA Drug Evaluations 1971," which I sent you.

4. Streptomycin - We do not like to use because of effect on middle ear and possibly cause deafness. Would recommend not using it on Americans.

5. Indomethacin - "Ind~~x~~ocin" - We also worry about this one as AMS advises cholechicine best and safest for gout, and other arthritic conditions-plain aspirin probably best.

6. Griseofulvin - You will know should only be used after getting laboratory diagnosis of fungus and then regular blood counts and close observation.

25X1A 7. Hydralazine (Apresoline) We usually try keep patient under control with diuretic and/or reserpine. If patient is one of our [redacted] friends and he still requires apresoline, you should let us know as possible he should not be at your station.

Our policy is not to overstock, or order more than ~~your~~ requirements at one time. So will probably cut down on quantities to some extent. Very important that you send an inventory of supplies you have on hand when you order.

Medical supplies cost much money and many people look at lists of drugs we use so that we have to be careful in showing how much we use and where it is used. They also know how many people at your station and have idea of what quantities would normally be used.

Please excuse me for long message but I hope you will understand. I also hope that you will be equally frank in writing to me.